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SUBJECT: KIM CHONG PIL VISIT TO OKINAWA ABORTED

1. IN SHORT, FRONT-PAGE STORY, APRIL 17 RYUKYU SHIMPO REPORTED THAT ROK PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG PIL HAD INTENDED TO STOP OVER IN OKINAWA ON HIS RETURN FROM CHIAN KAI-SHEK'S FUNERAL, OSTENSIBLY TO SEE EXPO-7 5

SITE. SHIMPO STATED THAT GOJ FONOFF SAID KIM'S VISIT WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME SHIMPO HOWEVER SPECULATED THAT, AS KIM'S REAL INTENTION WAS TO SEE US OKINAWA BASES AS BACK-UP TO

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KOREAN DEFENSE, HIS VISIT HAD BEEN ABORTED(BY WHOM NOT SPECIFIED)
IN VIEW OF ALLEGED TENSIONS HERE OVER INDOCHINA SITUATION.

2. KOREAN CONSUL IN NAHA, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROK EMBASSY TOKYO,
ASKED BOTH CONGEN AND MILITARY CONTACTS TO ARRANGE LANDING FOR KIM'S
AIRCRAFT AT KADENA AB, AS WELL AS TRANSPORTATION FOR HIS PARTY(18)
BY US FORCES HELICOPTERS TO EXPO SITE AND RETURN. WE INFORMED
ROK CONSUL THAT THESE PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED AND
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ENDORSED BY GOJ, THAT THEY WOULD PRESENT LEGAL PROBLEMS UNDER THE

SOFA, AND THAT LEFTIST ELEMENTS COULD EXPLOIT VISIT, ESPECIALLY IF US FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY TOKYO'S INTERVENTION WITH GOJ AND ROK EMBASSY TOKYO APPARENTLY SPIKED THIS POTENTIAL BOMBSHELL.

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